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### DDSP supports Hurricane Katrina relief

**New Cumberland, Pa. (Defense Distribution Center)** – The Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP), has prepared more than 80,000 pounds of cargo slings to help with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

The 12 pallets of cargo slings will depart from Harrisburg International Airport at approximately 11:30 a.m. today.

The request for cargo slings came into DDSP at approximately 10 p.m. Wednesday night. DDSP's workforce immediately responded by gathering the slings and packing them. Once packed, DDSP staff built air pallets that will be used to transport the shipment.

Cargo slings are used to ferry supplies from point to point and are very versatile. They can be used to carry almost any material that can be placed on a pallet. Called sling loading, relief supplies will be placed on pallets, wrapped in the sling, and then moved via helicopter into areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"The DDSP Team is proud to be of service to the courageous Americans who have withstood Katrina's fury," said Andy Leitzel, DDSP Deputy Commander.

Media wishing to view the slings leaving DDSP should contact Polly Charbonneau, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Public Affairs, at 717-877-5998. The aircraft will be loaded on the side of the airport designated for use by the 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Group of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. For access to the airport, contact HIA's Scott Miller, 717-554-3691.

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